

# North Augusta



*South Carolina's Riverfront*

## MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF APRIL 29, 2021

*Machela Knox, Commissioner*  
*Carleton Vaughn, Commissioner*  
*Ben Watson, Commissioner*

### ***ORDER OF BUSINESS***

The Municipal Election Commission meeting of April 29, 2021, having been duly publicized, was called to order by Chairperson Ben Watson at 11:00 a.m. in Council's Conference Room on the third floor of the Municipal Center and adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Per Section 30-4-80(e) notice of the meeting was posted on the outside doors of the Municipal Center, the main bulletin board of the Municipal Center located on the first floor, and the City of North Augusta website.

**ITEM 2. Roll Call:** Present at the meeting were Carleton Vaughn and Ben Watson. Machela Knox was absent. Also in attendance was Sharon Lamar, City Clerk, along with a member of the City staff and a member of the media.

**ITEM 3. Administration of Oath of Canvassers:** Chairman Watson and Commissioner Vaughn swore and signed the Oath of Municipal Board of Canvassers.

Please see ATTACHMENT #3 for a copy of the oath.

**ITEM 4. Provisional Ballot Hearing:**

The Municipal Election Commission (MEC) received information from the Aiken County Board of Registration and Elections along with guidance from the Executive Director related to the following Provisional/Failsafe Ballots.

"Failsafe Voting in Municipal Elections Failsafe voting also applies to municipal elections with some differences: 1. A voter must have resided within the municipality for at least 30 days to be eligible to vote in the municipal election. a. If a voter has moved inside his precinct and inside the municipality, the voter votes a regular ballot using the ballot-marking device and scanner (see

'Address Not Correct on Voter Registration List' section). 34 Election Day Issues b. If a voter has moved from one precinct inside the municipality to another precinct inside the municipality, follow the procedures in the "Failsafe Voting" section. c. If a voter has moved from outside a municipality to inside a municipality, ask the voter when the move occurred. If the move occurred before the 30-day mark, failsafe voting applies because the voter has been a resident of the municipality for 30 days. If the move occurred after the 30-day mark, the voter may not vote because he has not resided in municipality for 30 days"

- 1) Dekesha Reynolds 024114356 Failsafe – Count – Yes Voter went to the old precinct (you must cast your ballot at your old precinct).
- 2) Gladys Town 470075003 Failsafe – Count – No Voter should have gone to the old precinct to cast a failsafe ballot.
- 3) Edward Elser 024128998 Provisional went to wrong precinct. – Count - No
- 4) Hannah Elser 470615990 Provisional went to wrong precinct.- Count – No
- 5) Erica Goldman 366345258 Provisional Voter registered to vote at the DMV in December (The Aiken County Board of Registration and Elections office never received the information) They verified through the State Election Commission that the voter did request to register to vote in December. Count- Yes

The commissioners read each voter's name with the information provided and discussed each voter's ballot. On the motion of Commissioner Vaughan and the second of Chairman Watson, the MEC agreed to accept the ballots of Dekesha Reynolds and Erica Goldman.

Please see ATTACHMENT #4 for a copy of the information received from the Aiken County Board of Registration and Elections.

**ITEM 5. Canvassing of Votes:**

After the consideration and acceptance of the Failsafe and Provisional ballots, the City Clerk contacted the Aiken County Board of Registration and Elections to add the votes to the official result report.

**ITEM 6. Certification of the Official Results for the April 27, 2021 Municipal General Election:**

Upon receiving the official results, the MEC signed a letter to the City of North Augusta Mayor and City Council certifying the 2021 general election.

Please see ATTACHMENT #6 for a copy of the official results and certification letter.

There being no further business, the commission adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sharon Lamar,  
City Clerk



**Municipal Election Commission**

P. O. Box 6400  
North Augusta, South Carolina 29861

April 29, 2021

**Oath of Municipal Board of Canvassers**

for Election Date - April 27, 2021

“I do solemnly swear, that I am duly qualified, according to the Constitution of this State, to exercise the duties of this office to which I have been appointed, and I will, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties thereof, and preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of this State and of the United States. So help me, God.”

Ben Watson

absent

Machela Knox

Carleton Vaughn

April 29, 2021

Date

**Lamar, Sharon**

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**From:** Cynthia Holland <CHolland@aikencountysc.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 28, 2021 12:43 PM  
**To:** Lamar, Sharon  
**Subject:** Provisional/ Failsafe Ballots  
**Attachments:** DOC307.pdf

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Good Afternoon Sharon, I have attached copies of the Provisional/Failsafe Ballots.

After researching the ballots my recommendations are as follows based on the Election Procedures.

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Sharon, immediately after the Hearing please let me know which of the above ballots the MEC will except. We will run the ballots through and add the votes to the official result report and send it over to you.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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**STATISTICS**

	TOTAL	Election Day	Absentee in Person	Absentee Mail	Fail-safe Provisional	Fail-safe Provisional
Election Day Precincts Reporting	20 of 23	18	0	0	0	1
Absentee/ Early Precincts Reporting	20 of 20	0	16	20	0	0
Registered Voters - Total	16,376					
Ballots Cast - Total	3,097	2,736	325	34	0	1
Voter Turnout - Total	16.85%					

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**Straight Party**  
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee In Person	Absentee Mail	Fall Ballot	Provisional	Fall Ballot Provisional
Republican	1,100	72.46%	962	129	8	0	1	0
Democratic	418	27.54%	376	35	7	0	0	0
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>1,518</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>1,338</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**Mayor**  
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee In Person	Absentee Mail	Fall Ballot	Provisional	Fall Ballot Provisional
REP Britton S Williams	2,205	71.54%	1,942	241	21	0	1	0
DEM Richard Adams	853	27.68%	759	80	13	0	0	1
Write-In Totals	24	0.78%	24	0	0	0	0	0
Not Assigned	24	0.78%	24	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>3,062</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>2,725</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

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**City Council At Large  
Vote For 3**

	TOTAL	VOTES	Election Day	Absentee In Person	Absentee Mail	Ballots Provisional	Ballots Provisional	Ballots Provisional
REP Pat C Carpenter	2,201	27.72%	1,940	239	21	0	1	0
REP Jennifer McCauley	2,299	28.96%	2,036	242	21	0	0	0
REP David McGhee	2,048	25.80%	1,810	217	21	0	0	0
DEM Trina Macfie	966	12.42%	863	106	16	0	0	1
Write-In Totals	405	5.10%	371	33	1	0	0	0
Write-In: Richard M. Fletcher	352	4.43%	324	28	0	0	0	0
Not Assigned	53	0.67%	47	5	1	0	0	0
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>7,939</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>7,020</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

	STATISTICS		
	Registered Voters - Total	Ballots Cast - Total	Voter Turnout - Total
Belvedere No. 9	1,045	79	7.56%
Carolina Heights	416	69	16.59%
North Augusta No. 25	1,579	258	16.37%
North Augusta No. 26	1,246	143	11.48%
North Augusta No. 27	1,539	431	28.0%
North Augusta No. 28	1,231	267	21.69%
North Augusta No. 29	1,739	344	19.78%
Belvedere No. 44	154	25	16.23%
Misty Lakes	215	7	3.26%
North Augusta No. 54	1,256	150	11.94%
North Augusta No. 55	1,091	223	20.44%
Fox Creek No. 58	1,445	249	17.23%
Belvedere No. 62	180	19	10.56%
Ascauge Lake	0	0	0%
North Augusta No. 67	1,317	248	18.83%
North Augusta No. 68	1,798	278	15.46%
Fox Creek No. 73	835	127	15.19%
Belvedere No. 74	0	0	0%



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	Registered Voters - Total	Ballots Cast - Total	Voter Turnout - Total
North Augusta No. 00	950	169	17.79%
Ascauga Lake No. 84	139	9	6.47%
Falstaffe	0	0	0%
Provisional	0	1	0%
Falstaffe Provisional	0	1	0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18,376</b>	<b>3,097</b>	

	Straight Party VOTE FOR 1				Mayor VOTE FOR 1				
	Republican	Democratic	Total Votes Cast		REP Briton S Williams	DEM Richard Adams	Write-in Totals	Write-in: Not Assigned	Total Votes Cast
Bethesda No. 9	14	31	45		27	52	0	0	79
Carolina Heights	18	11	29		44	25	0	0	69
North Augusta No. 25	93	42	135		165	86	6	6	257
North Augusta No. 26	34	50	84		65	77	0	0	142
North Augusta No. 27	192	16	208		365	59	2	2	426
North Augusta No. 28	92	16	108		213	53	1	1	267

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	Straight Party VOTE FOR 1		Mayor VOTE FOR 1				Total Votes Cast
	Republican	Democratic	REP Briton S Williams	DEM Richard Adams	Write-in Totals	Write-in: Not Assigned	
North Augusta No. 29	121	33	261	79	4	4	344
Belvedere No. 44	10	8	14	11	0	0	26
Misty Lakes	4	1	6	1	0	0	7
North Augusta No. 54	34	60	60	88	0	0	148
North Augusta No. 55	75	12	164	37	1	1	222
Fox Creek No. 58	101	43	164	81	2	2	247
Belvedere No. 62	9	5	12	7	0	0	19
Ascauga Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Augusta No. 67	78	14	166	61	1	1	248
North Augusta No. 68	105	41	201	74	3	3	278
Fox Creek No. 73	41	25	91	34	1	1	126
Belvedere No. 74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Augusta No. 80	76	8	189	25	3	3	197
Ascauga Lake No. 84	2	2	7	2	0	0	9
Fallsafe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provisional	1	0	1	0	0	0	1

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	Straight Party VOTE FOR 1		Mayor VOTE FOR 1			
	Republican	0	DEM Richard Adams	1	Total Votes Cast	1
	Democratic	0	REP Briton S Williams	0	Write-in: Not Assigned	0
	Total Votes Cast	0	Write-in Totals	0	Write-in Totals	24
	1,100	418	1,518	24	DEM Richard Adams	853
					REP Briton S Williams	2,205
					Total Votes Cast	3,082
Fallsafe Provisional						
Totals						

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	City Council At-Large VOTE FOR 3						Total Votes Cast	
	REP Pat C Carpenter	REP Jenifer McCauley	REP David McGhee	DEM Trina Mackie	Write-in Totals	Write-in: Richard M. Fletcher		Write-in: Not Assigned
Belvedere No. 9	41	32	30	55	8	6	2	169
Carolina Heights	38	47	43	31	7	6	1	166
North Augusta No. 25	167	192	146	91	26	20	6	622
North Augusta No. 26	84	61	67	85	12	12	0	309
North Augusta No. 27	362	376	833	72	64	89	5	1,209
North Augusta No. 28	198	226	188	64	58	46	12	734
North Augusta No. 29	249	269	256	95	43	37	6	912
Belvedere No. 44	15	14	15	12	0	0	0	56
Misty Lakes	6	6	6	1	0	0	0	19
North Augusta No. 54	76	66	59	91	8	7	1	300
North Augusta No. 55	180	181	165	60	30	25	5	616
Fox Creek No. 58	173	180	160	87	15	15	0	615
Belvedere No. 62	12	14	14	6	1	1	0	67
Ascauga Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Augusta No. 67	185	193	174	71	43	40	3	666
North Augusta No. 68	198	210	185	82	42	32	10	717

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	City Council, At Large VOTEFORS							Total Votes Cast
	REP Pat C Carpenter	REP Jenafer McCauley	REP David McGhee	DEM Trina Mackie	Write-in Totals	Write-in: Richard M. Fletcher	Write-in: Not Assigned	
Four Creek No. 73	82	86	81	40	18	18	0	309
Belvedere No. 74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Augusta No. 80	128	136	128	39	29	27	2	482
Ascauga Lake No. 84	6	6	6	3	1	1	0	22
Fallsafe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provisional	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Fallsafe Provisional	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,201</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>2,048</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>7,939</b>



***Municipal Election Commission***

P. O. Box 6400  
North Augusta, South Carolina 29861

April 29, 2021

The Honorable Robert A. Pettit, Mayor  
City of North Augusta  
P.O. Box 6400  
North Augusta, South Carolina 29861

Dear Mayor Pettit and City Council,

We, the Municipal Election Commission of the City of North Augusta, hereby certify the following official results for the General Election conducted April 27, 2021:

Mayor:           Richard Adams – NOT ELECTED with 853 votes  
                      \*Briton Williams - ELECTED with 2205 votes

Councilmember:   \*Pat Carpenter - ELECTED with 2201 votes  
                          Richard Fletcher -NOT ELECTED with 352 write-in votes  
                          Trina Mackie – NOT ELECTED with 986 votes  
                          \*Jenafer McCauley - ELECTED with 2299 votes  
                          \*David McGhee - ELECTED with 2048 votes

Sincerely,

Ben Watson, Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_(absent)\_\_\_\_\_  
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Machela Knox

Carleton Vaughn

\*Winners noted with an asterisk